# **CLERK DISAPPEARS:** CERTIFICATES, TOO

Edwin Potts, Virginian Recently Employed in Bank, Is Missing.

## HE IS CHARGED WITH FELONY

Accused is from Loudoun County and Was Recently Discharged-Hypothecates Sccurities Valued at \$11,000 - Bank

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 22. ted employe of the American National Bank, is missing, and the po-Erie Railroad stock. Potts was forced to resign some days ago, and ar amination of his books revealed th

vesterday, and a warrant issued for the arrest of the former clerk.

ean that Potts might have gone to his former home, at Hillsboro, Loudour county, Va., but Detectives Pratt and Howlett, who are working on the case ned that he had not been there.

learned that he had not been there.

Yesterday afternoon Inspector Boardman obtained information that two blocks of the certificates had been deposited in Baltimore, where, it is charged, Potts obtained a loan upon them. President Harper had payment on the certificates stopped, and his action, it is said, renders them valueless. Potts was under bond in the sum of \$20,000, the bank officials state, and the bank will therefore not lose by his alleged dishonest transaction.

Potts Was Trusted Clerk.

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The missing clerk was known by one! Robert N. Harper, of the bank, by Cashier Lynn and others conted with the institution. He lived far from the home of the president I cashier in Loudoun county. The ling man had been employed in the like for several years and until a g man had been employed in the for several years, and until a while ago was regarded as a worthy man. His affairs were in-gated by the bank officials and his nation was demanded. It was not after he had left the employ of bank that the securities were od.

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tis had access to the securities,
the bank officials say it was an
matter for him to help himself
hem. As soon as President Harbecame aware of the loss of the
blocks of stocks, representing 500

When President Harper was seen he said that the bank would not lose by the defalcation of Potts, The amount, he said, would reach about \$11.000, part of which has been re-

After he left the city a report was

received that he was in Tuscon, Ariz., whence several days ago he telegraphed to the Baltimore bank relative to

ed to the Baltimore bank relative to the loan which he made there recently upon the stock.

The bonds which were taken, Mr.
Harper declared, in conclusion, were not under Potts's care, When asked if the bank would prosecute, he simply

"We haven't caught the man yet."

# DARK TRAGEDY COMES TO LIGHT

French Soldier Murdered by Counterfeiters, Who Burn Body.

PALERMO, August 22.—The finding to-day of two half-burned chests containing portions of a human body, taining portions of a human body, in the forest of Belotam, not only brought to light a brutal murder, but also led to the discovery of an extensive plant for the manufacture of spurious bank notes. Italy has recently been flooded with this counterfeit money. The victim of the murder has been identined as Henri Francols, a deserter from the French army. A local engraver, his wife and two merchants have been irrested, both as the assassins and as rounterfeiters. The motive for the prime is alleged to have been the fear of betrayal by Francols, who was a member of the gang.

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NORFOLK, VA., August 22.—The Merchants' and Miners' Transportation, bound from Norfolk for Savannah, Ga, rammed, the British steamer Glenway, while the latter was lying off, the latter was lying aborth, to take burker coal. The flames leaped into the air fifty feet above the burning buildings. Shortly after 1 o'clock the fire was gingered.

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Dismissal is Approved.

O'STER RAY, N. Y., August 22.—The west" charged with flegal voting in the local option election which was filled with was fled of Police Commissioners, which was fled and any of the local option election which delection was carried by the "drys" by a majority of one, the vote standing 115 against and 114 for license. In the police flow was the delection was carried by the "drys" by a majority of one, the vote standing 115 against and 114 for license. In the police flow was fled with was fled with was fled with was fled with the latter was lying off, the clestion was carried by the "drys" by a majority of one, the vote standing 115

# GERMAN EMPRESS INJURED



## STATE WILL ACT HARRIS ARRESTED AND CONFESSES IN DESK MATTER

Negro Charged With Assault in Board of Education Decides to Chesterfield Arrested in Al-

FULL CONFESSION COURSE NOT YET ANNOUNCED MAKES

Fight to Uphold Its Au-

Looking to This End Will

Be Taken.

Though no official statement

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ALEXANDRIA, VA., August 22 .-

sides at Chester, Chesterfield county, sides at Chester, Chesterfield county, to stop payment.

Reports received by the police and nk officials indicate that Potts was Baltimore soon after he left the piloy of the bank, and it was while was in that city, it is alleged, that oney was borrowed upon the stock.

First Request of Hollec.

When the police were first informed at the certificates were missing they ere merely asked to trace them, hich they did, finding them at a altimore bank. It is said that later ofts telegraphed from a town in Arisona to the Baltimore bank about the cotts telegraphed from a town in Arisona to the Baltimore bank about the isposal of the certificates. It is also is possal of the certificate and possal of the possal of the certificate and possal

extra freight train known as No. 73, which left Richmond at 12:50 o'clock last night. His arrest was effected when the train pulled into the Potomach freight yards, about three miles north of Alexandria, at 5:15 o'clock this morning. The train was in charge of Conductor W. A. Hutchinson, Flagman H. L. Leadbetter and Brakeman J. W. Usher.

According to the statement made at police headquarters this morning by Conductor Hutchinson, when his train stopped at Milford to get water the flagman of the train pulled into the Potomac yards. The negro had left the train when he was stopped by the crew. He at once said that he was not the man who had attempted to observe him until the train pulled into the Potomac yards. The negro had left the train when he was stopped by the crew. He at once said that he was not the man who had attempted to assault the young lady, but stated that it was another negro. The crew of the train said to him that they would take him to the office. He was not the man who had attempted to assault the young lady, but stated that it was another negro. The crew would take him to the office. He was not the man who had attempted to assault the young lady, but stated that it was another negro. The crew of the train said to him that they would take him to the office. He was not the man who had attempted to assault the young lady, but stated that it was another negro. The crew of the train said to him that they would take him to the office. He was not the man who had attempted to assault the young lady, but stated that it was another negro. The crew of the train said to him that they would take him to the office. He was not the man who had attempted to assault the young lady, but stated that it was another negro. The crew of the train said to him that they would take him to the office. He was not had attempted to assault the young lady, but stated that it was another negro. The crew of the young lady had the product of the young lady had the product of the young lady had the product of the young lady had

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## COSTLY FIRES FROM GASOLENE

Outbreaks of Flames Threaten Business Section and De-

stroy Property.

# CRIMINAL SUITS IN STANDARD CASE

Report That Rogers and Archbold May Be Indicted.

## PROCEED UNDER SHERMAN LAW

If It Can Be Established That Oil Magnates Are Maintaining Harmful Monopoly, They May Be Fined or Imprisoned One Year.

BY WALTER EDWARD HARRIS.

courts will be asked to see and a possible civil suits that may be pending.

Other Trust Magnates in Peril.

There are some other trusts that the department is keeping a very vigilant eye upon at present, notably the powder trust, with which Senator DuPont, of Delaware, is connected: the smelter trust, in which Senator Guggenheim, of Colorado, is the prime factor; the lumber trust, in which several Senators are said to be more or less interested, and the tobacco trust. The lightning of criminal prosecution may eventually reach in any of these directions, but it seems to be quite apparent that at present the Standard Oil Company is receiving the most attended which Criminal prosecutions may be brought reads in part: "Every person

## FALL OF STONE ENTOMBS FIVE

Two of Imprisoned Men Crawl Out, But Others in Peril.

SEVERS FINGER;

It will be recalled that the local board awarded a contract for desks to the A. H. Andrews Company, of Chicago, and that the State Board ordered desks for the same schools from Mr. Preston Belvin, of this city, trading as the Virginia School Supply Company. The local board held a meeting repudiated the action of the State Board, and declined to recognize it authority.

Called it Hiegal.

The Attorney-General in the meantime rendered an opinion in which he upheld the action of the State Board, and declared that the contract made by the Norfolk Board was an illegal one. This was followed by a counter-opinion from City Attorney Duncan, of Norfolk, who took issue with the Attorney-General, and held that the city board was clearly within its rights when the contract to the Andrews Company was awarded.

This put the State in an attitude which demanded further action, and it is believed that the Board last night directed that a move be shortly made looking to upholding the authority of the State Board to contract for sehortly made looking to upholding the authority of the State Board to contract for sehortly made looking to upholding the authority of the State Board to contract to the Andrews Company was awarded.

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## TO MAKE CONTEST OVER ELETION

Wets Charge Fraud by the Drys in Recent Contest in Wood-

# SHUMAKER WILL TELL ALL



# MAY YET BE SOLVED

Committee Going After Man Who Mutilated the Envelopes.

HOBSON'S CHARGES PROVED

Likely That Sensational Report Will Follow To-Day's Meeting.

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penedd.

Many opinions have been offered by vay of explanation, but the theories of the public are not a part of the inestigation, and thus far there has been

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stock.



# BURTON, LEADER, IS **NOW UNDER ARREST**

He and Conquest, Negro Who Started All the Onancock Row, Surrender.

TOPPIN DIES OF LOCKJAW

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ONANCOCK, VA., August 22.-Both

posed to have been the leader of the gang which fired on the hack carry-ing passengers to the New York, Phil-adelphia and Norfolk Railroad, and

adelphia and Norfolk Railroad, and the United States mail.

Burton and Conquest, who surrender-ed this morning, will be taken to Nor-folk to-morrow morning for safe-keeping. The town is quiet, and as the leaders of the negroes have been caught no further trouble is antici-pated.

Conquest Surrenders. At half-past six this morning Colone

Nottingham drove out of Onancock and returned in a short time with Sylvanus Conquest, who had notified the colonel that he was willing to surrender to

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eye disclosed the fact that the work was rough and clumsily performed, and this is proved by fact, not by "circum-BURNS HER BODY

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BONAPARTE MAY

LEAVE CABINET

Attorney-General Said to Have

Displeased President by His

Flippancy.

From Our Regular Correspondenc.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 22—It is believed that there will be a vacancy in the Cabinet before the resignation of its the opinion of many that Attorney-General Bonaparte will retire in a short its the opinion of many itention of live that his resignation will be fortium.

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Mr. Bonaparte, as a "trust-buster" is said not to be entirely to the ilking of President Rossevelt. The recent interview given out by the Attorney-General in which he discussed trust prosecutions in the most flippant manner, surprised the country, and is said to thave been displeasing at Oyster Bay, it is thought in quarters generally well informed that the refirement of the Attorney-General will be announced and the social association of any other opinion, and to personal the first opinion of the Attorney-General will be announced in the resident of the Attorney-General will be announced on the personal In Fit of Jealousy Despondent

# TAFT DISCUSSES **NEGRO QUESTION**

Fifteenth Amendment Requires That Every Ne gro Should Vote.

## SOUTH NEGRO'S TRUEST FRIEND

Understands Race Best and Has More Sympathy With It. Longs for Day When South Shall Cease to Fear a Spec-

LEXINGTON, KY., August 22.-Secetary of War Taft to-day opened the

intelligent and solid members of the community than the ignorant members of their race would have exercised had they been allowed to vote. In this way, through devious ways which cannot be justified or approved we may still reach a result that will square with the requirements of the Federal Constitution, and will give to the negro every political and economical right. The negro is necessary to the South as a faborer—skilled and unskilled. The world over to-day there is a demand for labor, and were the negro to be withdrawn from the South, the difficulties under which agriculture would labor can hardly be overstated. The negro is an American. Ho has no other country than this, and called upon to defend it, he lays down his life with the same freedom that the white man sacrifices his. Ours is the flag he loves—the only one he knows. It is our duty to see to it that his path is progress is as incessant as proper encouragement can make it.

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